

**REMARKS**

Claims 2, 5-14, and 18 have been indicated allowable over the references of record.

Newly drafted Claims 26-31 provided an alternative definition of the present invention within the scope of this invention and are also believed to be allowable over the references of record.

If the Examiner believes there are any questions with regards to the prosecution of this matter, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference at the listed telephone number.

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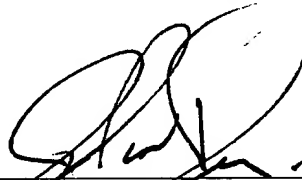
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